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SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE SFRC, WILL BE VISITING YOUR POST AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL. THIS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS PROJECTED AN IN-DEPTH TWO-YEAR STUDY ON OUR MILITARY COMMITMENTS AND BASES ABROAD AND THEIR EFFECTS ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY. YOU HAVE NO DOUBT FOLLOWED THEIR EARLIER TRIP TO SOUTHERN EUROPE AND THE HEARINGS WITH REGARD TO SPAIN AND TURKEY, AS WELL AS THOSE ON EAST ASIA AND THE PACIFIC WHICH HAVE ENSUED.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO LEARN FROM AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OFFICIALS STATIONED IN THOSE COUNTRIES AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ABOUT OUR FACILITIES, AGREEMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN THOSE COUNTRIES; ALSO OUR MILITARY COOPERATION AND ASSISTANCE THERE, AND THE FOREIGN POLICY IMPLICATIONS TO BE DERIVED FROM SUCH ACTIVITIES AND PRESENCE. THESE REPRESENTATIVES, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCES, WANT FULL INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEMS LISTED ABOVE. THEY WILL HOPE TO TALK TO AMBASSADOR AND DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION OF EACH EMBASSY, AS WELL AS THE CHIEF U.S. MILITARY OFFICERS AND THEIR DEPUTIES IN EACH COUNTRY, AND OTHER DIPLOMATIC AND MILITARY OFFICERS WHO ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT CONSULTATIONS AND RELATIONS BETWEEN THE MILITARY FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY AND THOSE IN THE HOST COUNTRY ON MATTERS SUCH AS MILITARY ASSISTANCE, JOINT EXERCISES, COORDINATION OF MISSIONS, TRADE EVALUATION, AND VARIOUS POLITICO-MILITARY MATTERS.

3. A MAJOR THRUST OF THE INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OR NOT FULL STATE DEPARTMENT POLICY CONTROL AND CIVILIAN CONTROL WITHIN DOD HAVE BEEN EXERCISED AT ALL STAGES. THE TENOR OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE APPEARS TO BE IN FAVOR OF A CONTRACTION OF OUR MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT OVERSEAS, AS EVIDENT BY THEIR INTEREST IN DETAILS OF INSTALLATIONS AND U.S. PERSONNEL STRENGTHS, AND PARTICULARLY OF OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS OUTLAY, AS WELL AS AN AVOIDANCE OF ANY REAL OR IMPLIED SECURITY OR OTHER QUID-PRO-QUO (E.G. MAP) COMMITMENTS NOT COVERED BY A SPECIFIC TREATY.

4. PINCUS IS AN EXPERIENCED NEWSPAPER MAN, FORMERLY WITH THE WASHINGTON POST, AND PAUL, AN ATTORNEY WITH DOD EXPERIENCE, SO THAT BOTH ARE HIGHLY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND WELL PREPARED. THEY SHOULD BE GIVEN A FULL EXPOSITION OF THE SITUATION IN YOUR COUNTRY, SUBJECT, OF COURSE TO ANY EXISTING GUIDANCE.

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5. THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE HAVE DECIDED THAT WITNESSES BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO TESTIFY ON CERTAIN NUCLEAR MATTERS OR ON MILITARY CONTINGENCY PLANS, PAST, PRESENT OR PROPOSED. INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED TO SUBCOMMITTEE STAFF IN THE FIELD SHOULD BE LIMITED ACCORDINGLY.

6. REQUESTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT MADE PUBLIC AND REQUESTS FOR ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENTIAL LEVEL CONSULTATION SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON FOR ANSWER.

8. REQUESTS FOR ANY INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTS ABOUT WHICH THERE IS ANY DOUBT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO WASHINGTON.

9. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO AVOID CONFRONTATION OVER DENIAL OF ACCESS TO SUCH MATERIAL BUT, IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY ADVISE THEM THAT YOU ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH DOCUMENTS OF THAT SENSITIVITY AT THE POST, BUT WILL REFER THEIR REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR THEM TO RAISE HERE WHEN THEY RETURN. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT PINCUS AND PAUL HAVE REQUESTED A GREAT MANY DOCUMENTS TO WHICH SPECIFIC REFERENCE WAS MADE IN TESTIMONY OR IN OTHER DOCUMENTS ALREADY IN THEIR POSSESSION AND HAVE OBTAINED ACCESS TO MOST OF THEM, SO THEY WILL BE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN PURSUIT OF FURTHER LEADS.

10. DESIRE TO REITERATE THAT IT IS THE POLICY OF BOTH STATE AND DEFENSE TO COOPERATE IN ASSISTING THIS SUBCOMMITTEE TO PURSUE ITS INVESTIGATION WHICH IS WELL WITH IN THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CONGRESS. WE WILL ADVISE THEM IN A GENERAL WAY OF THE BROAD SENSE OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTION.

11. YOU SHOULD ADVISE THE STATE AND DEFENSE DEPARTMENTS

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IN DETAIL AS TO THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STAFF, THE INVESTIGATIONS CONDUCTED, THE DOCUMENTS TO WHICH THEY HAD ACCESS AND THOSE WHICH THEY HAD REQUESTED BUT NOT SEEN. COPIES OF ALL PAPERS PROVIDED SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON.

12. COMMITTEE STAFF HAVE ADVISED THEY WILL NOT REQUEST CONTACTS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS, AND DO NOT WISH TO ADVERTISE THE VISIT.

13. ADDRESSEES ADVISE SUBORDINATE POSTS AND COMMANDS TO BE VISITED AS APPROPRIATE.
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